

RABBIT EARS

Clayton vicinity

Nothing on the Cimarron Cutoff of the Santa Fe Trail was more important to travelers than this conspicuous double-peaked mountain. Rising high above the plains, it served as a four-day guide on the journey, promising well-watered campsites at its base. Rabbit Ears and nearby Round Mound, along with three campsites located between them—McNees Crossing, Turkey Creek Camp, and Rabbit Ears Creek Camp—are together known as the Clayton Complex. The area is used for grazing, and significant remnants of the trail may still be found.